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presence. Senator Wickersham, the house is under call. Senator Coordsen, Senator Quandahl, the house is under call. Senator Quandahl, the house is under call. All members are present. We're voting on the Thompson amendment. There's been a request for a reverse order roll call. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 1529-1530.) 5 ayes, 29 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is not adopted. I raise the call.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. May I read some items first, Mr. President?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Items.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Raikes would like to print amendments to LB 366; Senator Coordsen, LB 305; and a new A bill, LB 827A, by Senator Bromm. (Read by title for the first time). (Legislative Journal pages 1530-1531.)

Mr. President, Senator Thompson would move to reconsider the vote just taken on AM1568.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Thompson, you're recognized to open on your motion to reconsider. (AM1568, Legislative Journal pages 1523-1529.)

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise to offer this motion to reconsider, because I think this is probably one of the most crucial decisions we're going to make this session. And I think there are some things that I may not have had time to mention in my closing that I would like made part of the record. We don't make too many decisions, we make a few while we're here. We make taxing decisions, we make regulatory decisions. But this is a decision about children. This is a decision about them being taken from their homes, placed in an institutional setting, and having that decision made by a department, without review by a court. And I think